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This state is:

- High Incidence**
- High Growth**
- Rural**

STATE STATISTICS

Year	Number of ELs	Proportion of ELs	Change since 99-00	Change since 04-05
1999-2000	1,442,277	24.2%	---	---
2004-2005	1,585,647	25.1%	+9.9%	---
2009-2010	1,779,102	28.4%	+19.0%	+11.0%



DID YOU KNOW?

- California serves 6,217,002 students in 1,192 school districts; over one-third of the districts are categorized as "rural."
- California has not only the largest number of ELs of any state, but also the greatest proportion of ELs of any state.
- Schools in California must report the number of students who have a home language other than English for any language group that constitutes at least 15% of the school's enrollment.
- California's *Clearinghouse for Multilingual Documents* has various parental notifications in other languages.
- Across the 58 counties in California, the number of ELs reported ranges from 0 to 396,402; three counties report serving fewer than 50 ELs.
- Proposition 227 made Structured English Immersion the instructional approach for English-language development; however, parents may sign waivers requesting bilingual instruction.

All data are for preK-12 students; for more information go to http://www.ncele.gwu.edu/files/uploads/T3SIS_LEA/lea_overview.pdf
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